

2nd BRIGADE: Owensboro, Ky.

The command

2nd Brigade (Armor), Owensboro, Ky.

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Subordinate units

■ 1/398 (Basic Combat Training), Owensboro, Ky.

■ 3/398 Armor Battalion, Paducah, Ky.

■ 3/399 Armor Battalion, Hopkinsville, Ky.

Outreach programs

■ Regional Jr. ROTC competition

■ High school ROTC programs

■ Salvation Army food distribution programs

■ Local Boys' and Girls' Club mentoring

■ Community annual Veterans Day and Christmas parades

■ Disaster assistance

Jr. ROTC

The brigade is highly motivated concerning its community involvement. All the units within the 2nd Brigade use experienced drill instructors as competition judges for Regional Jr. ROTC drill and ceremony competition.

The drill sergeants use their professional proficiency and attention to detail as a means of displaying Army values and concern for the community.

This is an annual event and often the drill sergeants participate on their own time.

The brigade is also involved in local high school Reserve Officer Training Corps programs. Soldiers

from the brigade frequently assist local ROTC commanders with uniforms, equipment and give input for sporting events and other high school programs.

Helping others



3-399 BATTALION PHOTO

Units of the 2nd Brigade remain involved in community outreach programs that range from providing color guards (pictured above) to mentoring youths at Boys' and Girls' Clubs. Members of the color guard are from the 3/399, with headquarters in Hopkinsville, Ky. They marched in the Burkesville (Ky.) Riverfest in September 2000.

A big contributor to the community is the local Salvation Army, and shelters such as the Boulware Center for Homeless Families. Boulware is the only center in the tri-state providing temporary homes for complete families, as well as individuals.

Second brigade soldiers volunteer their personal time to assist with the annual food and toy distribution. Soldiers also donate and distribute food, toys, and clothes to Boulware residents.

One soldier recently — with permission of parents — hosted a young resident on a trip to St. Louis, Mo., where the disadvantaged young man had the opportunity

to watch a professional baseball game, see the sights, and other things he would not have had the chance to do.

■ Soldiers and drill sergeants visit the local Boys' and Girls' Club to mentor children, answer questions about the Army and the

many jobs those in the military perform.

■ In January 2000, when the city of Owensboro was struck by a devastating tornado, members of the brigade assisted residents with clean up and emergency repair. Soldiers also assisted fellow members of their unit with moving and the storage of personal property that survived the storms.

Annual training

The 2nd Brigade has a diverse annual training schedule, and train today's soldiers for the Army.

Soldiers prepare for 11 months for their annual training. Drill sergeants take civilians from the